

STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATIONS

CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

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OFFICIAL NOTICE

Nineteen Thirty-One Annual Session Headquarters

Fairmont Hotel—Headquarters for the next annual session, to be held at San Francisco April 27 to 30, 1931, will be the Fairmont Hotel.

The Fairmont has quoted the following rates for rooms, all with baths:

Single rooms, opening on large inner court, \$4.
 Double rooms, opening on large inner court, \$6.
 Single outside rooms with city and marine view, \$6.
 Double outside rooms with city and marine view, \$8.
 Double outside rooms with city and marine view, \$10.
You are advised to make your reservations now.

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

FRESNO COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Fresno County Medical Society was held in the Californian Hotel January 6.

It was moved by Dr. G. W. Walker, seconded by Doctor James, that the society reconsider the withdrawal of periodical subscriptions and have the Library Committee study this and render a report to the society. Motion carried.

An invitation was made by Doctor Trowbridge to the society to use the University-Sequoia Club for its regular meetings at any time desired.

Dr. G. W. Pierce of San Francisco presented a scientific paper upon plastic surgery and then demonstrated motion pictures showing cases and surgical technique. His paper and demonstrations dealt particularly with tubular skin grafts, methods of transplantation, and repairs of defects of the face and palate, and the ultimate results. The paper was instructive, and many minor but important technical points were brought out and demonstrated.

E. R. SCARBORO, *Secretary.*



NAPA COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the Napa County Medical Society was held Wednesday, December 10, 1930, at Marino's Grill, Napa.

Dr. George I. Dawson, president, opened the meeting. Routine business was conducted.

The Committee on Public Policy and Legislation was selected as follows: W. L. Blodgett, Calistoga, chairman; D. H. Murray and G. I. Dawson, Napa.

Dr. M. M. Booth of St. Helena was selected to act as a member on Medical Economics.

No special program for the evening was provided, but a round-table discussion of subjects interesting to members was carried on.

Those present were: Doctors W. L. Blodgett and Edward Love, Calistoga; H. R. Coleman, G. I. Dawson, C. A. Johnson, D. W. Murray, and R. S. Northrop, Napa; E. H. Donnelley, Imola; George H. Rue, Koera.

* For a complete list of general offices, of standing committees, of section officers, and of executive officers of the component county societies, see index references on the front cover, under Miscellany.

The regular monthly meeting of the Napa County Medical Society, preceded by a dinner, was held Wednesday, January 7, at Marino's Grill, Napa, Dr. Robert S. Northrop, president, in the chair.

Several communications were read.

The application for membership of Dr. E. F. Anderson, St. Helena, was unanimously accepted.

The speaker of the evening, Dr. W. H. Kellogg, director of the State Hygienic Laboratory, spoke most interestingly on public health problems as related to the general practitioner. He also discussed communicable diseases, especially smallpox, and stressed the importance of vaccination, especially in children. During the discussion that followed, it was brought out that in Scotland all children must be vaccinated before the age of six months. The medical society went on record as heartily endorsing the early vaccination of children.

It was the opinion of members present that some action should be started relative to the medical broadcasting over the radio, and that the secretary be so instructed to communicate with the state secretary concerning the subject.

Members present: Doctors H. V. Baker, H. R. Coleman, G. I. Dawson, C. A. Johnson, D. H. Murray, R. S. Northrop, and John Robertson, Napa; A. E. Chappell and E. H. Donnelley, Imola; C. E. Nelson and H. V. Vollmer, St. Helena Sanitarium.

Visitors present: Dr. W. H. Kellogg and Doctor Sweigert, intern at Napa State Hospital.

C. A. JOHNSON, *Secretary.*



ORANGE COUNTY

Members of the Orange County Medical Association celebrated the annual meeting of this society on Tuesday, January 13, at the Santa Ana Country Club. The annual dinner is a combined social and scientific event for members and their wives and guests.

Entertainment during the dinner was furnished by a trio composed of Olimae Enlow Matthews, violin; Edward Gros Bayne, cello; and Franz Darvas, piano.

Later in the evening Mrs. Matthews and Mr. Bayne each contributed solos to the program, with Mr. Darvas at the piano. Dr. Bessie Stokes Martell presided as toastmistress, introducing Dr. H. M. Robertson of Santa Ana who served the association as president during the past year.

"Taking an Inventory" was the subject chosen by Dr. Robertson for his excellent address in which he pointed out the necessity for such a move on the part of medical associations in general—national, state, and county—as well as for the individual physician, as a means of progress in the profession and of weeding out those things which are of no value.

M. B. Wellington, guest speaker, chose "Doctors" as his theme, discussing the subject from a layman's point of view.

Varying the program of music and addresses was a cleverly enacted one-act play in which Ernest Crozier Phillips of the Santa Ana Junior College drama department presented three young men of the student body—Eugene Olsen, Robert Deupree, and Dean Wright. The special lighting effects for the play were controlled by Ray Archer.

Doctor Martell's final duty as toastmistress was the presentation for installation of the new officers: Emerald Steen of Fullerton, president; J. Luther Maroon of Santa Ana, vice-president; Harry G. Huffman of Santa Ana, secretary-treasurer; C. D. Ball, librarian; G. M. Tralle, Dexter R. Ball, and J. L. Beebe, councilors; H. E. Zaiser and D. R. Ball, delegates.

HARRY G. HUFFMAN, *Secretary.*

SACRAMENTO COUNTY

At the first meeting of the board of directors of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement, which was held last Tuesday, Philip G. Young was chosen as president of the society for the year 1931. At the annual meeting on December 16, the following members were elected to act as the board of directors: Doctors Edward Babcock, Orin S. Cook, Paul Christman, A. K. Dunlap, Frank MacDonald, Hans Schluter, Philip G. Young, Harold Zimmerman. Franklin Warne Lee was reelected to the post of secretary for the year 1931. Gustave Wilson was elected a delegate for two years, and E. W. Beach as alternate for two years.

FRANKLIN WARNE LEE, *Secretary*.

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SAN DIEGO COUNTY

Dr. Joseph C. Aub, associate professor of medicine at Harvard Medical School, spoke before the San Diego Academy of Medicine on December 8, 1930, on "The Role of Inorganic Salts in Internal Medicine."

Dr. P. J. Hanzlik, professor of pharmacology at Stanford Medical School, gave lectures before the academy on December 18 and 19: (1) Intravenous Therapy. (2) Bismuth Compounds in Antisyphilitic Therapy.

Dr. James W. Sherrill, director of the Scripps Metabolic Clinic, La Jolla, has issued the names of lecturers for 1931. Mr. Milton McRae and Mr. J. C. Harper have financed these lectures and a dinner for the members of the San Diego County Medical Society and many other medical men all over southern California. Mr. McRae died a few months ago, and Miss Ellen Scripps and Mr. Harper carry on.

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SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The annual meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held Thursday, December 4, 1930, at 6:30 p. m. at the Stockton Golf and Country Club. Thirty-eight members and eight guests attended. During the course of the dinner, which preceded the business meeting, music was furnished by Miss Lucy Bruch on the violin, accompanied by Mrs. Jeanette Rose.

At the conclusion of the dinner the meeting was called to order, and the secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting, which were duly approved.

An annual report was presented and read by the secretary-treasurer, which stood approved.

At this time the president announced the result of the election of officers for 1931 as follows: G. H. Rohrbacher, president; George H. Sanderson, first vice-president; R. T. McGurk, second vice-president; C. A. Broadus, secretary-treasurer.

Board of directors: F. J. Conzelmann, J. W. Barnes, H. S. Chapman, Dewey R. Powell, C. V. Thompson, John J. Sippy, and R. T. McGurk.

State delegates: J. W. Barnes and B. J. Powell.

Alternates: G. H. Rohrbacher and Margaret Smythe.

Admission Committee—C. F. English (chairman), J. D. Dameron, L. Dozier, J. F. Doughty, and J. E. Nelson.

Ethics Committee—Hudson Smythe (chairman), J. W. Barnes, B. J. Powell, George H. Sanderson, and D. R. Powell.

Finance Committee—J. D. Dameron (chairman), J. V. Craviotto, and H. S. Chapman.

Program Committee—George H. Sanderson (chairman), P. B. Gallegos, and T. L. Sutton.

Dr. Barton J. Powell, Jr., was received into membership by the president.

The following guests were present: Doctors Harry E. Alderson and Stuart C. Way of San Francisco, the speakers of the evening; Doctors Haggerty and

Vanderleek from the State Hospital; Doctors Kyddson and Thompson, Miss Lucy Bruch, and Mrs. Jeannette Rose.

Doctor Kaplan then reviewed some of the work of the past year and extended thanks to the members in general for their coöperation during the past year, and to several members in particular.

The members present were: Doctors D. R. Powell, B. F. Powell, Sr., B. F. Powell, Jr., Barnes, Margaret Smythe, McGurk, Blackmun, Davison, Goodman, Sutton, Sippy, Boehmer, C. V. Thompson, Bollinger, Chapman, Barbour, McNeil, Doughty, Smithers, English, Hudson Smythe, Craviotto, Pinney, Dozier, Latta, Priestley, Powers, Hull, Sheldon, Tretheway, Haight, Hanson, Sanderson, Van Meter, Gallegos, Kaplan, Broadus, and Rohrbacher.

Dr. Harry E. Alderson and Dr. Stuart C. Way presented the paper of the evening, illustrated by moving pictures of skin lesions from the skin and syphilis clinic of Stanford University Medical School.

One of the interesting features of the evening were the replies of the speakers to a long series of questions put to the two doctors by members.

A vote of thanks was given the speakers and musicians.

C. A. BROADUS, *Secretary*.

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SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The annual banquet meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held at El Paso Tea Room on January 12, with President Hugh Freidell presiding.

There were present fifty-five members and nineteen visitors.

The members and guests gathered at 6:30 and promptly at 7 sat down to the banquet table, at which time President Freidell turned the gavel over to Dr. H. J. Profant as chairman of the Entertainment Committee. Doctor Profant then introduced Greenough's Orchestra, which provided wonderful music during the dinner. Songs were distributed to the membership and were sung under the leadership of Doctor Profant. Then followed fancy dancing by a local girl, Miss Doris Smith. The toastmaster then called on the following members for either a funny story or their one big moment: Doctors Nuzum, Engelbach, Jones, Hunt, Hamilton, Ullmann, Mellinger, Coblenz, and Bakewell. The judges were Doctors Luton and Roome, who awarded first prize to Doctor Engelbach and second to Doctor Coblenz.

At the conclusion of the stunts, Doctor Freidell introduced Dr. Pan Codellas of San Francisco, who gave us a very interesting and instructive talk on the development of medicine, reciting the history of medicine and tracing its origin back to four thousand years before Christ, telling of the discoveries of case histories on clay bricks of the ancient Egyptians and on tiles of the ancient Pharaohs, and from them on up to the time of the Greeks and Romans.

At the conclusion of this talk Doctor Codellas was given a rising vote of thanks in appreciation.

The meeting then went into executive session and the minutes of the last annual meeting were read and approved. The financial report of the secretary was read and ordered filed.

The applications of Doctors Cruden and Grandstaff were read and, upon balloting, they were unanimously elected into membership.

The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: H. J. Ullmann, president; Hilmar O. Koefod, vice-president; W. H. Eaton, secretary; O. C. Jones of Santa Maria, first vice-president at large; H. G. Hanze of Solvang, second vice-president at large.

Doctor Markthaler then reported for the Public Relations Committee and read the minutes of the meeting of January 9, together with a letter from Doctor Coblenz of Santa Maria and a proposed medical service contract of the county.

It was then moved, seconded and unanimously carried, that the following motion adopted by the Public Relations Committee be adopted by the Santa Barbara County Medical Society and be incorporated in the minutes of this meeting:

"1. That no member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society enter into any such agreement with the Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors for professional services, as proposed in the enclosed plan, without the approval of the society.

"2. That no member of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society enter into any agreement with any organization or like group for professional services without the expressed approval of the society.

"3. That any member acting contrary to these recommendations be automatically suspended from the county society."*

The following committees were appointed for the ensuing year:

Board of Censors—R. F. Atsatt, C. T. Roome, and Milton Geyman.

Program Committee—H. O. Koefod, W. D. San-sum, and Milton Geyman.

Committee for Revision of Constitution and By-Laws—P. C. Means and W. H. Eaton.

Public Relationship Committee—J. B. Manning, W. E. Johnson, H. E. Henderson, E. L. Markthaler, and O. C. Jones.

County Welfare Board—H. E. Henderson and Hugh Freidell.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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SANTA CLARA COUNTY

The December meeting was called to order on December 12 in the auditorium of the San Jose Medico-Dental Building. After various business matters were disposed of, Dr. Dudley P. Fagerstrom, secretary of the society, presented a very interesting dramatization of "Some Famous Characters in Medical History." The following talented members of the society were each costumed to impersonate an important departed medico who returned for an earthly visit at this meeting: Dr. John Hunt Shephard—Hippocrates; Dr. Helen Lee—Madame Tortula of Salerno; Dr. Peter A. Jordan—William Harvey; Dr. Stanley Kneeshaw—Ambrose Paré; Dr. M. W. Kapp—The Nineteenth Century Practitioner. Modern medical practice was then represented in a travesty, "An Interview of a Modern-Day Detail Man for a Pharmaceutical House Manufacturing Endocrine Gland Products." Dr. Samuel Staub gave a clever, humorous portrayal of the detail man, and was ably assisted by some local pharmacists. Some delightful music under the direction of Dr. Charles M. Richards was interspersed in the program and greatly appreciated by the large number of members who attended.

The following new members were admitted to the society: Dr. Margaret Lamson of Palo Alto, Dr. Bertha Shedd Mason, Dr. Newell L. Moore, Dr. Paul T. Pace of San Jose, and Dr. E. W. Mullen of Agnew.

The application for membership of the following doctors were referred to the Admission Committee: Dr. John J. Bourn and Dr. Anthony J. Monty.

The memberships of Dr. Russel V. Lee and Dr. Herlwyn R. Green, both of Palo Alto, were transferred from the San Francisco County Society. An application from Dr. Joseph P. Schell for transfer of membership from the Butte County Medical Society was referred to the Admission Committee.

Dr. R. A. Whiffen, who has retired from active practice, tendered his resignation to the society. This, however, was not accepted, and it was moved, recorded and unanimously carried, that he be invited to become a retired member in lieu of his resignation.

LUCAS W. EMPEY, *Assistant Secretary*.

*Regarding the cause for these resolutions, see also editorial comment in this number of California and Western Medicine, page 121.

SONOMA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Sonoma County Medical Society was held on December 18, 1930, at the Occidental Hotel, Santa Rosa. Dinner preceded the meeting with the Woman's Auxiliary.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Chester Marsh, president, at 8 p. m.

Dr. Paul T. Quarry gave a very interesting talk on his observations at some of the eastern clinics.

The following officers were elected: A. Morse Bowles, president; J. Leslie Spear, vice-president; T. Hubert Reiss, secretary; Clifford M. Carlson, treasurer; Chester Marsh of Sebastopol, delegate; H. Walter Seawell of Healdsburg, alternate.

Censor Stuart Z. Peoples is to serve to December 31, 1933.

A vote of thanks was given the retiring officers for the efficient and successful manner in which they had performed their duties.

J. LESLIE SPEAR, *Secretary*.

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VENTURA COUNTY

The January meeting of the Ventura County Medical Society was held Tuesday, January 13. The meeting was called to order by President Wright at 8 p. m.

Those present were: Doctors Achenbach, Felberbaum, Hendricks, Rhymes, Bianchi, Shore, Welch, Wright, Mosher, Armitstead, Smolt, Patton, W. S. Clark, Broughton, Jones, and Illick.

A very interesting scientific program was presented by Dr. J. V. Barrow, there being two subjects on the program. The first was an illustrated lecture on "Intestinal Protozoa," which was very interesting and was enjoyed by all. Doctor Barrow also delivered a paper on "The Business of Medicine." Considerable discussion followed the papers.

R. B. ARMITSTEAD, *Secretary*.

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YOLO-COLUSA-GLENN COUNTIES

The Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County Medical Society, after partaking of a dinner at the Woodland Hotel, adjourned to the Woodland Clinic where it was called to order by President Bell.

The following physicians were present: Doctors Cooper, Pulford, F. Fairchild, C. Fairchild, Bell, McBride, McNeil, Tillotson, Railsback, Gray, J. Lawson, F. M. Lawson, Blevens, Brown, Browning, Penwell, Keith, Poage, Rathburn, Huntley, Ward, Desrosier, Scott, Bates, and George H. Sanderson and A. L. Van Meter of Stockton.

Several communications were then read and placed on file.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that Dr. Ney Salter, who is now in the Letterman Hospital, San Francisco, be made an honorary member of this society until such time as he may resume practice.

The president appointed Mrs. F. R. Fairchild and Mrs. Frank M. Lawson as a committee to form a Woman's Auxiliary.

The society then proceeded to the election of officers with the following results:

Thomas H. Brown of Orland was elected president; William T. Rathburn of Colusa, vice-president; W. E. Bates of Davis, secretary-treasurer; Oscar C. Railsback, delegate to the state convention; and T. E. Cooper as alternate.

The scientific program of the evening, a symposium on fractures, was then opened by Doctor McNeil of the Woodland Clinic. Discussion was opened by Dr. Fred R. Fairchild. All fractures and their treatment and results were illustrated by slides. The first considered was fractures of the clavicle, then fractures of the head and shaft of humerus, then of the elbow, next in order were fractures of the forearm and wrist, then the spine and hip.

Different forms of apparatus were shown for the setting and holding of the different fractures.

W. E. BATES, *Secretary-Treasurer*.

CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

New Members

Napa County—David Bruce Williams.

San Diego County—Edward R. Cox.

San Francisco County—Francis Scott Smyth.

Santa Barbara County—Alexander W. Cruden, Floyd L. Grandstaff.

Ventura County—Lester Harold Rhymes.

Transferred

Benjamin F. Cunningham, from Los Angeles to San Luis Obispo County.

Elmo Alexander, from Sacramento to Stanislaus County.

James E. McCue, from Lassen-Plumas to Stanislaus County.

Deaths

Crowley, Dennis David. Died at Oakland December 28, 1930, age 72 years. Graduate of Bennett Medical College, Chicago, 1879, and the University of Illinois College of Medicine, Chicago, 1885. Licensed in California, 1886. Doctor Crowley was a member of the Alameda County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Falk, Curtis Oliver. Died October 19, 1930, age 54 years. Graduate of Cooper Medical College, San Francisco, 1897. Licensed in California, 1898. Doctor Falk was a member of the Humboldt County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

Zieber, William Harvey. Died November 19, 1930, age 68 years. Graduate of College of Physicians and Surgeons, Keokuk, Iowa, 1890. Licensed in California, 1922. Doctor Zieber was a member of the Santa Clara County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

OBITUARY

William Leland Mitchell, M. D.
1893-1930

The following extract from the *Weekly Bulletin of the California Department of Public Health*, December 6, 1930, explains why the local community was depressed when the painful news arrived that Doctor Mitchell was dead. Apparently he was a robust individual, fit for any hazard, yet he died in the line of duty.

"Many Californians who knew Dr. W. Leland Mitchell, formerly health officer of Orange County, will be shocked to learn of his death, which occurred recently in Budapest, Hungary. Doctor Mitchell, since leaving California in 1925, had been with the International Health Board and had been stationed in Paris and in Budapest. Only last year, he had taken a year of special study at the Johns Hopkins University School of Public Health."

Doctor Mitchell died after a short illness on November 21, 1930, of a heart affection, complicated by an attack of bronchopneumonia.

He was born in Staunton, Illinois, July 5, 1893, and was of Colonial ancestry. He was educated at the University of Illinois and received his degree from Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri, in 1918. His fraternities were the Phi Delta Theta and Nu Sigma Nu. Doctor Mitchell served as first lieutenant, Medical Corps, United States Army, in France in 1918-1919, with the American Red Cross in Poland in 1920-1922, and with the Rockefeller Foundation in 1922-1926.

He came to Orange County in 1922, representing the Rockefeller Foundation, was health officer of Orange County in 1923-1924. Doctor Mitchell joined the Orange County Medical Association in 1924. He was a member of the California Medical Association

and a Fellow of the American Medical Association. On September 16, 1929, Doctor Mitchell married Marie Madeline de Szikszay of Budapest.

He did yeoman service for mankind in France, Poland, and Hungary—service that cost him his life. It is fitting that his medical society honor his memory.

C. D. BALL, M. D., *Librarian.*

THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY OF THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION*

The Woman's Auxiliary to the American Medical Association Progress Notes

According to the constitution of the national auxiliary the first vice-president is automatically chairman of organization, the three other vice-presidents being organizers for their section of the country. Mrs. Southgate Leigh of Virginia, therefore, holds this chairmanship, and the eastern district is her particular responsibility. At her request a series of four articles is being prepared by her committee in order that each district may be cognizant of the progress of its own state's as well as those of the other three sections. The individual state journals have been generous in the extreme in the space they have allowed their auxiliaries, and this additional courtesy of reporting the auxiliary situation in other states is deeply appreciated, for there is a growing desire to know "what others are doing."

New Hampshire stands alone as the only New England state 100 per cent organized and cooperating with the national organization. Last year the state auxiliary had misgivings as to its necessity and usefulness, but an urgent request from the medical society that the women remain organized dispelled all doubts. During the year following, Mrs. Hubbard, wife of the state president, visited every county, which encouraged and stimulated the growth of unit auxiliaries.

The New Jersey Auxiliary made pilgrimages to state institutions, set apart one meeting when the mothers of physicians were entertained, and sponsored various health meetings. The Essex County Auxiliary, assisted by the physicians, succeeded in establishing a course of health talks, in cooperation with the Y. W. C. A. of Newark, emphasizing especially prenatal care and information which would aid the mothers of babies and young children. Last year Mrs. James Hunter, Jr., New Jersey's state president, visited every county, as did Mrs. Walter Jackson Freeman in Pennsylvania, during her presidency. One cannot help drawing the conclusion that personal contacts are necessary for county development and success.

Virginia is active in spots. The doctors encourage the auxiliaries, as they believe that through them education with regard to the menace of state medicine can be spread.

Ohio for several years has been sending representatives from a few organized counties to the national meetings, but as yet there is no state organization. As our friend and adviser, Doctor Upham, lives in Ohio, it is felt that he will advise the national auxiliary when the auspicious time arrives for the establishment of a state auxiliary.

The District of Columbia seems so completely diverted with Washington affairs that the auxiliary which so capably cared for the American Medical Association meetings some years back seems to have gone into retirement.

* As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary of the California Medical Association are formed, the names of officers should be forwarded to the state secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Dexter R. Ball, 2419 Bonnie Brae Street, Santa Ana, and to the California Medical Association office, Room 2004, 450 Sutter Street, San Francisco. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed for publication in this column.

Delaware, in a breathless, better-late-than-never manner, has completely caught up and is most interested and active, and has entered upon serious work by assisting the men of the profession in establishing a medical library in Wilmington. They will cooperate with Philadelphia at the time of the American Medical Association, and the eastern section will introduce them with pride to the national organization. West Virginia is up and doing, and you may expect still better things from that state this year.

Maine, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Maryland have reported the interest of individuals, but no organized effort. Queries from different localities in New York as to why there is no auxiliary have been answered with the statement that several years ago the House of Delegates voted unanimously in favor of the auxiliary and authorized its organization. The same year Connecticut voted favorably, but no definite steps have been taken.

Pennsylvania has surely discovered the rhythm in which its auxiliary work is best done, for concrete accomplishments have been turned out regularly, year by year. Of the \$3000 contributed last year to the Medical Benevolence Fund more than two-thirds was contributed by the auxiliary. A definite trend toward educational meetings is felt all over the state and, socially, it is hoped that the carefully formed Philadelphia plans for the next meeting will bring honor and glory to the Keystone State. Not only are the adult members of the auxiliary meeting, but a group of the most charming and good-looking daughters of doctors are working together in order that they may know each other and work in unison for the comfort and pleasure of the American Medical Association guests when they come to Philadelphia in May. Verily, who can question the wisdom of the auxiliary, when it brings about so much willing work in behalf of the medical men of the country?

(Mrs.) W. WAYNE BABCOCK,
Organizing Chairman of Eastern District.

Contra Costa County Auxiliary

The auxiliary to the Contra Costa County Medical Society was formed one year ago January 14, 1930, at the home of Mrs. J. M. McCullough of Crockett. There were eleven charter members. Since that time it has grown to twenty-one members.

We feel the auxiliary has created a better bond of fellowship among the men and lasting friendships among the women.

It has given the women enlightenment and interest in the work of their husbands.

It has given the doctor much needed rest and recreation in the midst of his serious scientific meetings.

We have placed BETTER HEALTH magazines in the High School and Junior High Schools of Richmond, and we hope to put the magazines into every school in the county.

HELEN WEIL, *Secretary-Treasurer.*

NEVADA STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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S. K. MORRISON.....Trustees

COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

WASHOE COUNTY

The Washoe County Medical Society met Tuesday night in the State Building, Reno, Doctor Creveling, president, presiding. The minutes of the last meeting were read, corrected and approved.

Dr. J. L. Robinson made a report on the pending transfer of the Nevada State Laboratory to the Nevada State Board of Health. Inasmuch as the report of the committee was not complete and their work not finished the committee was continued. Doctor Robinson also made a partial report as to the progress of the new Community Hospital and stated that it was the desire of the committee in charge to float, on the instalment plan, sufficient bond issues to erect the hospital, upon which work would start, presumably, in the coming spring.

Doctor Bath read a communication from the American Medical Association from the Council on Medical Education and Hospitals, under date of December 17, 1930. This communication spoke of a bill before Congress for an appropriation of \$52,000,000 to erect additional veteran hospitals. One of the provisions of the bill was to provide additional hospital facilities at government expense for veterans regardless of whether their sickness or injury was of service origin or not. This bill was discussed by the members present. The secretary made a motion, which was seconded and carried, that this society approve of all needful aid for veterans such as the erection of hospitals and extension of medical and surgical care to all veterans whose ailments were of service origin and to all indigent veterans whose ailments were or were not of service origin. But to include among those receiving gratuitous service veterans whose disabilities were not of service origin and who were financially able to pay for any needful surgical or medical service could not be looked upon in any other light than that of gross injustice to practicing physicians and surgeons of the country at large, who whether they were in the service or not, have done their part to sustain the revenues of the government.

The society directed the secretary to prepare a symposium on all the phases usually met with in the treatment of pneumonia. The symposium should be composed of about eight essayists, each presenting his views in a five-minute paper.

Dr. George R. Smith of the Nevada State Hospital for Mental Disease read a paper which had been prepared by Dr. P. F. Schneider of Evanston, Illinois, on a "Hormone Test for the Diagnosis of Early Pregnancy." The following is the gist of the paper:

"The diagnosis of early pregnancy and its differentiation from other pelvic conditions can at present be accomplished with a considerable degree of accuracy by means of the Aschheim-Zondek test. This test is based on the fact, first, that large amounts of the hormone of the anterior pituitary body are excreted in the urine during pregnancy, and second, that when urine containing this hormone is injected into immature mice, ovulation occurs.

"As outlined by Aschheim, the procedure necessitates the use of five or six immature female mice, three weeks of age, for each experiment. Varying quantities of urine are injected into each mouse, three times daily, over a period of two days. Autopsy is done one hundred hours after the first injection, and the presence of corpora lutea and corpora hemorrhagica give positive evidence of pregnancy in the patient from whom the urine was obtained. In a report of one thousand cases Aschheim demonstrated 98.2 per cent accuracy, and stated that in the cases where accurate results were not obtained in the first test, subsequent tests gave results which were later substantiated.

"Friedman, in his work on ovulation in the rabbit, demonstrated that intravenous injection of five cubic centimeters of urine from a pregnant woman provoked ovulation in the same manner as in the mouse, the advantages being that ovulation occurs within twenty-four hours, either because of the injection of a single large amount directly into the blood stream, or because of the sexual peculiarities of the rabbit. Friedman injected eighteen rabbits with urine from pregnant women and obtained positive results in each instance. Fourteen rabbits, each injected with urine from nonpregnant women, all gave negative results. This work increased the value of the test by mate-

rially decreasing the time element, simplifying the technique, and apparently maintaining as great a degree of accuracy as that obtained by Aschheim and Zondek.

"Enumeration of the factors involved in this test will in a measure explain the technique which has been developed. The rabbit does not as a rule copulate or go into heat until the age of five months during the summer, and six to eight months during the winter (Hammond and Marshall). The rabbit has no regular cycle, does not ovulate unless it copulates, and following copulation, ovulation occurs in eight to ten hours (Friedman). By using rabbits not over twelve to fourteen weeks of age, the possibility of ovulation from other causes than the injection of the hormone is reduced to a minimum. We have found that when rabbits under three months of age are used the results are not constant, and are of little value."

Doctor Weldon, recently from Mobile, followed with the most excellent paper on "Toxemias of Pregnancy." His paper dealt with the complete pathological history of these cases such as would be exhibited by blood chemistry correlated by urine chemistry and the usual clinical manifestations. In summing up his paper the doctor concluded that every enceinte woman should receive prenatal care and the treatment could be summed up in his final dictum—be clean and keep clean. The paper was excellent in its scope, and was discussed by a number of those present.

Nineteen members were present.

THOMAS W. BATH, *Secretary*.

UTAH STATE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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COMPONENT COUNTY SOCIETIES

BOX ELDER COUNTY

The Box Elder County Medical Society held its meeting in conjunction with members of the Cache Valley and Weber County Medical Societies on November 11 in order to meet the state officers. Short talks were given by each of the officers. The main paper was given by Dr. William Bender of San Francisco, California, on "Anterior Poliomyelitis and Encephalitis." He emphasized the point of the late epidemic being chiefly an upper nervous system infection and the early and prolonged rest of the affected part in the treatment.

Officers for the following year were elected as follows: L. D. Mahannah, president; C. E. Wardleigh, vice-president; R. A. Pearce, secretary-treasurer; O. D. Luke, delegate.

Doctor Luke was also appointed as auxiliary member on public policy.

L. D. MAHANNAH, *Secretary*.

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SALT LAKE COUNTY

The regular semi-annual business meeting of the Salt Lake County Medical Society was held at the Newhouse Hotel Monday, December 8, 1930.

The meeting was convened at 8:15 p. m. by President M. M. Nielson. Fifty members were present.

The secretary's report was read and, upon the motion of M. M. Critchlow, was accepted and filed.

In the treasurer's report Clark Young recommended revision of the system of bookkeeping and combining the offices of secretary and treasurer.

After discussions of the recommendation by C. M. Benedict, W. F. Beer, J. Z. Brown, and G. A. Cochran, upon the motion of W. F. Beer the report was accepted and filed.

There were no reports for the Committees on Public Health and Legislation, Medico-Legal, and Boy Scouts. The report of the Special Committee on the Fee Schedule was postponed until the next meeting.

The report of the Necrology Committee, J. U. Giesy, chairman, upon a motion of Clark Young was accepted and filed.

W. R. Tyndale, chairman, reported for the Library Committee. O. J. La Barge moved that the report be accepted and filed. Motion seconded and carried.

The report of the Public Lectures Committee, A. L. Huether, chairman, was read by the secretary. E. M. Neher moved that the report be accepted and filed. Motion seconded and carried.

R. T. Woolsey, chairman, reported for the Telephone Directory Committee, and upon a motion of B. I. Burns this report was accepted and filed.

E. M. Neher reported for the Committee on Medical Economics. This report, which was the result of extensive study of credit conditions in Salt Lake County, was of such interest that Fred Stauffer moved that this subject be made the object of discussion at some future executive session. The motion was seconded and carried.

D. G. Edmunds, chairman, reporting on the Committee on Law Enforcement, cited the recent activities of the Board of Registration regarding the irregular medical practices by certain druggists, physicians, and quasi-medical practitioners. Upon a motion of C. M. Benedict the report was accepted and filed. R. R. Hampton moved that the secretary be instructed to send a letter of commendation and appreciation to the department of registration with an offer to cooperate in every possible way in the completion of this work. Motion seconded and carried.

M. M. Nielson reported for the Program Committee and delivered his address as retiring president. F. Stauffer moved that the report of the Program Committee be accepted, and that the following resolution, drawn up by this committee, be adopted:

Whereas, It is not the purpose of the Salt Lake County Medical Society to assist in the exploitation of manufacturers; and

Whereas, The Salt Lake County Medical Society feels that it may avoid complicated situations if no precedent is set; therefore be it

Resolved, That this society go on record as holding in disfavor addresses in official session by representatives of commercial houses, unless official sanction is given by the entire society.

This resolution was seconded and carried.

In his presidential address, M. M. Nielson reviewed the progress made during the year, mentioning especially that the Radium Corporation kindly donated to the society \$600 to be used in helping to defray the expenses of the medical library; also the introduction of a directory of all members in good standing of the Salt Lake County Medical Society on the inside of the front cover of the telephone directory. He also suggested that this society should prepare a letter to be sent to all the various civic and religious organizations informing them that the society would be happy to furnish competent speakers on subjects pertaining to health, and that an educational article for the laity be published weekly in the local press.

The following constitutional amendment was passed: A scientist holding a doctor's degree is eligible for associate membership provided he resides in Salt Lake County. Such an associate member shall pay the regular dues, but shall not be entitled to vote or to hold office; but shall be elected to membership in the same manner in which a regular member is elected.

The society then proceeded to elect officers for the ensuing year, 1931. The following officers were

elected: F. M. McHugh, president; E. M. Neher, vice-president; B. E. Bonar, secretary; C. R. Cornwall, treasurer; and S. G. Kahn, censor.

C. J. Pearsall and J. Z. Brown escorted F. M. McHugh to the president's chair. He made a few remarks regarding the ancestors of members of this society, and stated that he hoped that during the ensuing year that the members of the society would help to keep the laity well informed of what the medical profession has done and is doing.

R. M. Tandowsky moved that the society extend a vote of thanks to the outgoing officers for their past year's work. Motion seconded and carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 o'clock, after which refreshments were served.

BARNET E. BONAR, *Secretary*.

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UTAH COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Utah County Medical Society was held at the Hotel Roberts, Wednesday evening, December 10, 1930.

The following members were present: Doctors Merrill, Oaks, Robison, Hagan, Hasler, R. G. Clark, J. R. Anderson, J. W. Aird, and J. L. Aird.

Dr. Charles Johnson of Salt Lake City, professor in the department of physiology and pharmacology, gave a very interesting paper of his original research work on "The Pharmacological and Toxic Effects of Sodium Nitroprussid." Doctor Johnson's work was all done in animal experimentation, and has shown that the cyanogen group in nitroprussid is relatively inert, that the nitrite group gives the same blood pressure lowering effect as the other nitrites.

Following this splendid paper, Doctor Oakes moved that Doctor Johnson be given a vote of thanks by the society for visiting us and delivering this paper. This was seconded, and passed unanimously.

No business was transacted.

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A meeting of the Utah County Medical Society was held on December 17 in order to meet with the state association officers and to elect society officers for the year of 1931.

President Rich, Secretary-Treasurer Critchlow and Doctor Brown from Salt Lake City and Doctor Pearce from Brigham City were present. Each gave a talk pertaining to the state and national medical association affairs. They made special reference to the increasing numbers of malpractice suits, and gave as the remedy for better protection a closer association of doctors in their local medical society and better coöperation with each other in their work.

The officers for the year 1931 were nominated and elected unanimously as follows: A. B. Robison, president; J. Karl Beck, vice-president; Charles M. Smith, secretary-treasurer.

The election of delegates and alternates was postponed until next year.

A motion was passed that the president appoint a man or a committee to represent the Utah County Society in the state association's Committee on Policy and Public Relations.

The following members were present: Doctors C. M. Smith, Worlton, Grua, Houston, Neill, J. W. Aird, J. L. Aird, and Hasler. Doctors Oaks, Cullimore and Robison came in, following the dinner.

J. L. AIRD, *Secretary*.

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WEBER COUNTY

The regular annual banquet and meeting of the Weber County Medical Society was held December, 18, 1930, in the Hotel Bigelow. It was attended by the state society president, Dr. William Rich, Secretary M. M. Critchlow, and President-elect R. A. Pearse of Brigham City; Councilmen Morton, John

Brown, and E. R. Dumke; James P. Kerby, chairman of the Committee on Medical Legislation.

Dr. E. P. Mills of the local society gave an interesting travelogue of his trip abroad.

CONRAD H. JENSEN, *Secretary*.

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UTAH NEWS

Arrangements are being made by the Utah Medical Association to go on the air in the near future. Numerous men throughout the state have been asked to write brief papers on timely subjects for broadcasting in five-minute talks for public education. The subjects will be handled in a general way and no treatment recommended or suggested, but a sincere effort made to instruct the public in the nature of disease and its prevention through hygiene and such means as vaccination. A broadcasting team is being organized in Salt Lake, and it is already assured of much material from local men of the state and from the American Medical Association, through the co-operation of Dr. John M. Dodson, who is prepared to furnish them with clip sheets from *Hygeia* for use in their programs.

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The State of Utah has taken a great step in advance in coming into the list of states where definite provision is made for the training and care of its feeble-minded. The 1929 legislature appropriated \$300,000 for the purpose of acquiring a site and starting the construction of the Utah State Training School. A site of approximately five hundred acres has been acquired at American Fork, thirty miles south of Salt Lake, in the very center of the state's population, and contracts have been awarded for the construction of the main buildings to accommodate a population of approximately two hundred. Actual construction work will be started during the winter, and the school completed for occupancy by July 1931. The present legislature is being asked to make a further appropriation to equip these buildings and to complete other buildings necessary to put the school in full operation. It is estimated that the State of Utah has five hundred cases of feeble-minded persons, capable of receiving training and requiring institutional care.

An extensive study has been made of other institutions and this school has been planned under the direction of the late Dr. George L. Wallace of the Wrentham School, Dr. T. J. Allen of the Vermont State School, Dr. D. O. Calder of Hollywood, California, and Dr. James Lewald of the St. Louis Training School, and it is expected that the institution when completed will represent the most advanced ideas in construction and operation in this field. Up to this time there never has been an institution in Utah nor any definite plan for the care and training of the feeble-minded, and the board of trustees are now seeking a superintendent who is qualified to handle this school and at the same time handle additional work along this line throughout the state.

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Immunization from diphtheria and smallpox was given to almost twelve hundred pupils of the Alpine, Provo, and Nebo school districts during the past two months, according to a report from Mrs. Evalina Reed, nurse of the Utah County health unit.

The report indicated that 519 pupils were inoculated for diphtheria in the Nebo district, 397 in the Alpine, and 271 in the Provo school district. It was also reported that 478 students were vaccinated for smallpox in the Nebo district, 438 in the Alpine, and 206 in the Provo district.

The doctors that assisted in the work were: F. D. Worlton, V. F. Houston, J. F. Noyes, Guy S. Richards, O. E. Grua, Stanley Clark, Garn Clark, Cecil Clark, Fred Taylor, Albert Taylor, C. M. Smith, Arnold Robinson, Walter T. Hasler, J. L. Aird, George Anderson, Glen Neill, John Anderson, Joseph Hughes, L. D. Stewart, A. E. Callahan and B. C. Linebaugh.